

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 313

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY SMITH

ANIMALS/DOGS: Provides relative to license fees for dog breeders

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2772(E)(introductory paragraph) and (G)(introductory
3 paragraph), relative to kennel licenses; to provide for license fees; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 3:2772(E)(introductory paragraph) and (G)(introductory paragraph)
7 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2772. Dog, cat, and kennel licenses fee and certificate; records

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10 E. The owner or keeper of five or more dogs may procure a kennel license
11 and pay a kennel license fee in lieu of the individual dog licenses and license fees
12 provided for herein. The governing body of each municipality or parish, may by
13 ordinance, fix the sum to be paid annually for the kennel license fee, which sum shall
14 ~~not be more than~~ be a minimum of:

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16 G. Any individual or business with five or more dogs and who breeds and
17 sells dogs retail, wholesale, or to the public is required to procure a kennel license
18 and pay a kennel license fee in lieu of the individual dog licenses and license fees
19 provided for herein. The governing body of each municipality or parish may, by
20 ordinance, fix the sum to be paid annually for the kennel license fee, which sum shall

1 be dedicated solely for animal impoundment facilities and ~~not be more than~~ be a
 2 minimum of:

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DIGEST

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HB No. 313

Abstract: Provides for the procurement of kennel licenses and fees for dog breeders and requires the governing body of each municipality or parish to fix the sum for license fees at minimum amounts.

Present law allows the owner or keeper of five or more dogs to procure a kennel license and pay a kennel license fee in lieu of individual dog licenses and license fees. Further provides for the governing body of each municipality or parish to fix the sum paid annually for the kennel license fee at not more than \$15 if no more than five dogs over the age of six months are harbored on the owner's premises at the time of the application, \$25 for five to 10 dogs, and \$30 for more than 10 dogs.

Proposed law changes the range of the fee from a maximum to a minimum, otherwise retains present law .

Present law requires individuals or businesses with more than five dogs that breed and sell, retail, wholesale, or to the public to procure kennel licenses and pay kennel license fees instead of individual dog licenses and fees. Allows the governing body of each municipality or parish to fix the sum paid annually for the kennel license fee and requires the fee to be dedicated solely for animal impoundment facilities and not be more than \$15 if no more than five dogs over the age of six months are harbored on the owner's premises at the time of the application, \$25 for five to 10 dogs, and \$30 for more than 10 dogs.

Proposed law changes the range of the kennel license fee from a maximum to a minimum; otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 3:2772(E)(intro. para.) and (G)(intro. para.))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill.

1. Changed the annual sum for a kennel license fee in lieu of individual dog licenses and fees from a maximum to a minimum.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Deleted the mandate that required the governing body of each municipality or parish to fix the sum paid annually for kennel license fees.